

# Exhibit 1

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Bryan,

I am nearing the end of the work I've been conducting on the events surrounding the Stiles outside temperature log introduced into evidence during recent federal court proceedings. I have one interview left to conduct next week and then work should be complete. I'll need to tie up some loose ends in my working papers and I'm going to send them through our quality control process as if this were an audit. That process takes some time but this update serves to keep you in the loop should any external questions arise.

**Preliminarily:**

The document is obviously and clearly false. However, **there is no evidence to suggest that it was created to deceive the court, Office of the Attorney General, or plaintiff's counsel.**

Instead, it appears that it was most likely created in response to an email generated on August 10, 2022 by the Executive Assistant to CID Deputy Director Eric Guerrero sent to all CID regions in an effort to coordinate CID's response to a public information request for temperature logs from all units. This email required each unit scan and upload the requested logs or "...ensure an Inter-Office Communication (IOC) justification is submitted for each missing date and scanned in order with that month's logs." It also referenced the scanned logs would be checked for accuracy by each regional office.

The unit has changed administration several times since these events and Warden Norsworthy is no longer employed by TDCJ. Therefore, I cannot account for the overall leadership tone at the unit at that time. However, documentary and testimonial evidence supports that the Stiles unit line level staff responsible for collecting and uploading those documents attempted to recreate any missing logs using temperature data available from neighboring units and Stiles unit shift rosters, rather than submitting IOC's for missing dates. Although strictly my opinion, this decision was likely strongly influenced by the use of the word "justification" to describe the nature of the IOC for missing dates and some level of interaction with the warden. A better phrasing regarding the IOC might have been, "accounting for" or something similar but more benign, "justification" almost connotes, "explain why you messed up". While unintended, I think the message impacted the outcome.

I'm available if you have any questions.

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Maya Angelou

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